

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Official Action of September 19, 2007, a Final Rejection, and the examiner's comments in the Advisory Action dated February 28, 2008. It accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicants have carefully studied the examiner's comments, in particular the comments found on page 5, which in relevant part state:

In further response to the arguments directed to composition, applicants have shown a limiting of alkali elution with a Young's Modulus making the glass suitable as a substrate for an information recording medium when  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{BaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{ZrO}_2$  components are all present in the glass. This was evident in applicants Examples summarized at specification Table 1 on specification page 39. However no claim has been considered commensurate to that composition scope.

In response to the examiner's comments, claim 1 has been amended to recite the specific components noted in the Advisory Action as quoted above. As a consequence to the changes made to claim 1, claim 3 has been amended to define these components as being more than 0 but not more than the maximum indicated amount which is consistent with other aspects of claim 3 (and other claims as well).

Claims 1-19 are pending, however claims 4-17 have been withdrawn from consideration, thus the active claims in this application will be claims 1-3, 18 and 19 according to counsel's understanding.

Claim 7, although withdrawn from consideration, has also been amended with respect to the  $\text{K}_2\text{O}_3$  component.


Applicants submit that the claims as above amended define patentable subject matter as it acknowledged in the Advisory Action of February 18, 2008. Reconsideration and favorable action are solicited.

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